

## **BASE LINE QUOTES and PONDERINGS**

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(*personal checks and balances.*)

Love is only as powerful as you make it to be. For love *cannot* survive on its own. One must work it strong, for it to be strong.

Love with an open mind, not with closed expectations.

### **The Refinement of Love**

No matter how great or personal or not, for many reasons or few. The evils of domination grow on the depressed, but the keepers of love find a wisdom view.

Know it's easier to think of thyself when we find ourselves in trouble.  
Act upon our actions just then, and our depths of dark shall be doubled.

But give thy thoughts a chance to clear, and ask who matters most? And as we pray upon these times, may find it's thou who shall be host.

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There are at least three sides to every story, even if only two people are involved;.. your side; .. my side, ...and what really happened.

Most of us are willing to accept the true teachings of wisdom, unless it should happen to fall across our personal paths of preference.

Life holds no promises. So try to live the best you can. This does not mean to go wild and free and let go of your self-control. It's not wise to encourage life not to hold to promises even sooner.

One should successfully yield good fruits from his 'own' garden, before attempting to tell others how they should plant theirs.

If or when you have the opportunity to preach, preach what you know in life, not what you believe to be true.

When one draws on a rational conclusion too early in his life,  
that's about the same time his thought process *stops* growing.

Those of us who keep dwelling in the past should not bother to ask about the future, if we have no intentions of going there.

## **Minus and Plus of Human Nature**

If I come to the conclusion that I am of a supreme race, and you are of a lesser level race, than I have just consummated the equation that you are not as human as I am.

However, the notion may not be 'Who is better?', but rather, 'How can I continue this growth process for my future generations?' But if on the other hand, I have this desire to snuff out your race or squash it down so that I or my race can rightfully claim our supreme standing, then I have just put forth one of the first steps taken among the animal kingdom. How human!

## **Prim or Proper?**

Don't be so quick to flatten someone's tires of faith just to prove your all-knowing self-righteous point of view. You'd better be ready to replace those deflated tires with something much better than they thought they had before and readily usable.

Remember, all their support relied on those earlier beliefs. Crush them with nothing to guide them through the hard times, not to mention their broken hearts and you will be the one regarded as the evil one.

## **Who's There?**

Be wise to those who wish to do you serious harm and don't care what wisdom you're using. You had best know his weapon or words of choice. Know where you stand and why. Sometimes it takes us a while to realize who we are. For if we don't, your opponents will; be it the one sitting opposite you or the sneaky ones getting inside your fortress. Many prudent leaders, scholars or prophets have warned us to always stay alert. Far too many past histories have proven this to be true. We should all learn not to take anything for granted!

## **FAITH**

Religion was meant as a form of assembly in the honor of God, and through that teaching of faith, it should help its followers to grow strong towards uplifting qualities such as patience, perseverance, value, respect, knowledge, understanding, brotherhood, courage, controlled love, honor, and eventually wisdom and council. And they in turn can be thankful to God for these gifts of virtue that were obtained through their faith and growth in Him.

However, many religions instead hold their people bound to a vice of practices or traditions to be carried out to the letter of their description. This becomes a blind teaching which demonstrates piety and devotion to its followers, but very little else.

Some feel they're right and everyone else is wrong. Some are taught not to question what they've been told is right. Many of the rest just stay out of it. This greatly holds back the growth factor.

## **The Human Quality**

The *human quality* is a developed trait, believing that one can excel beyond the general status, whether it be through faith, one's own personal observations or both; to be able to rise and perform above our basic animal instincts. It's there within us if we care to reach for it.

If we respond, perform, or draw our conclusions strictly from our raw senses, then we have not stated anything human. Even animals and insects can do that. The earthly creatures are at least performing to their potential. If we cannot do better than this, then we are not any greater than they are.

## **Brother or Neighbors**

It has been said that all men are created equal by the fact that all men are human, brought forth by the same creator or force, therefore all men are brothers.

This may be true, but then again this is not to *include* to mean, that all men are your neighbors. For it is a fact that brothers have ignored, stolen from, bared false witness, back stabbed and even killed his own brother as far back as history can take us, never mind a stranger. Neighbors on the other hand are humanitarians, and help or befriend others when needed, no matter whether brother or another.

## **Size versus Status**

To the ant you are a giant. To the earth you are an ant. To the universe you are no more than an atom. But before your emotions get carried away, you are still a giant to the ant. Yes you do exist and hopefully you also have a purpose. Long term or short term doesn't really matter, as long as you have one, hopefully on the positive note if you please. Interestingly ants are great at organizing successful colonies even though they're small. But it's a known fact that ants many times carry out fully fledged wars between them. They can even carry their wars to different tribe types all together and some will wage war in all directions. But on the whole, ants only live in a two dimensional world. We on the other hand have the capability to expand on our human qualities that could make a difference for generations. Try not stooping down too close to the ant.

Some demons are from '*within*'. Be wise and learn to recognize them.

## HOME

In all the vastness of the unending universe, our mother Earth is only but a single grain of sand among an uncountable number of heavenly grains of sand throughout this endless sea of space. Regardless of whether or not there is intelligent life somewhere out there or not, this is the only pebble of sand that man can call home. But if this pebble should die, than life as we know it will come to an end. And God forbid, should we be the cause. For no matter what great things the rest of the universe has to behold, nothing out there will be able to help us.

## Where do we Stand?

When early civilization called the Earth as the center of the universe, that was all they knew at the time. However, as time passed on, (through much long term pain and suffering), we have come to know that the Earth is only at the edge of the very galaxy that it is around us. As a matter of fact, not only has our world been reduced to a very small planet, but the vastness of the continuing universe has brought to us the point that even our own galaxy is just as insignificant as when we learned about our solar system.

However, consider this; though we have come to understand much about the universe, when it comes to our place in the life of things, esthetically, philosophically, psychologically and our sustenance all come down to this planet of ours we call Mother Earth. I don't care how much we may know about what we think is out there, none of it contributes to the fact that the elements and philosophies of our lives were born here and project from here. Therefore, as far as our order of living and thought is concerned, we are '*still*' sitting at the center of what we call our place in the universe.

## Nature verses Wisdom

I was looking to the human world for guidance, love, understanding, sharing, acceptance and wisdom. But I learned that the natural life of the earth and its creatures (man or beast) exist with the notion they must fight or pronounce to keep their place to survive. Their basic rule of thumb is, 'There is safety in numbers', (preferably you're the larger number). But unless you're a young one, when it comes to your personal health or safety, you're on your own. Fortitude and maintaining stature as brothers on the other hand is of God's wisdom. So if virtue is that which I seek, then it must first begin with me.

-- Consider This! --

Attraction, faith, fear and living are the strongest *natural* forces.  
Power, hate, acceptance and greed are the strongest *addictive* forces.  
Devotion, goals, love and wisdom are the strongest *acquired* forces.  
Earth, Sun, Cosmos and the Spirit of God are of life's *greatest* forces.

If you have not been shown the wisdom of the Father of life and the care of Mother earth, find it. If you have been, pass it on.

True power is in the strength of humility and knowing how to use it, as well as, and more importantly,...knowing why.

## **Take Life Easy**

Take time to listen, and you shall be the wiser.

Take time to observe, visions of life shall you see.

Take time for knowledge, for new fruit expands the mind.

Take time to understand, and truth shall come forth.

Take time to do what is just, and guilt shall not find you.

Take time to show respect, and kindness will be there.

Take time to share, peace and friendship will reward you.

Take time for loyalty, a treasure of trust shall you inherit.

Take your time with love, for its depths are still to be seen.

Take time in your creativity or goals, and they will  
express themselves.

Take time to play, for the soul also needs some freedom.

Take time to know your God, and in turn He will touch you